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1. SUMMARY: G-77 WORKING GROUP OF 30 CONSIDERED ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS IN ITS FIRST MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 5 AND WILL BEGIN TO CONSIDER SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA MATTERS ON FRIDAY (SEE REFTEL) WG DECIDED THAT REPRESENTATION SHOULD BE POLITICAL AT "ABOVE PERM REP LEVEL." FURTHER DECIDED THAT SESSION SHOULD LAST NO LONGER THAN 4 WEEKS WITH TARGET OF 3-WEEK SESSION. END SUMMARY.

2. IN MEETING ON MONDAY G-77 WG OF 30 CHAIRED BY IRAN'S HOVEYDA. GROUP COMMENCED CONSIDERATION MATTERS OF PROCEDURE FOR UPCOMING SPECIAL GA. JANKOWITSCH (AUSTRIAN) INFORMED AMB FERGUSON THAT WG WAS JOINED BY 40 OBSERVERS FROM G-77. HE SAID WG DECIDED: (A)
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CREATION OF CONTACT GROUP TO DEAL WITH WEO'S AND OTHERS.

MEMBERS OF CONTACT GROUP ARE AS FOLLOWS: PRESIDENT OF NON-ALIGNED (ALGERIANS), PRESIDENT OF G-77 (IRANIANS), RAPPORTEUR G-77 (YUGOSLAVS), CURRENT CHAIRMEN REGIONAL GROUPS (AF'S, LA'S AND ASIANS). WG DECIDED THIS TO BE ONLY OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH EE'S AND WEO'S, AND (B) TENTATIVE PROCEDURAL DECISIONS. SPECIAL SESSION WOULD LAST NO LONGER THAN 4 WEEKS WITH TARGET OF 3-WEEK SESSION, AND THAT LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION SHOULD BE "HIGHEST RANKING POLITICAL," I.E., FOREIGN MINISTERS. IN ADDITION, AD HOC WORKING GROUPS WOULD BE CREATED DURING COURSE OF SPECIAL SESSION TO FORMULATE UNITED G-77 VIEWS OF SUB-ITEMS.

3. MACKENZIE (UK) CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED THE SAME INFORMATION FROM HOVEYDA, WHO HAD ALSO CONFIRMED SUCH ARRANGEMENTS TO AMB BENNETT. MACKENZIE REVEALED, HOWEVER, THAT HOVEYDA REPEATED TO BRITS AND TO OTHERS THE STORY MAKING REOUNDS IN CORRIDORS THAT USG AND OTHER WESTERNS ARE EXPLOITING CURRENT SPLIT AMONG G-77 OVER OIL PRICES. FERGUSON FLATLY DENIED ANY SUCH ROLE BY USG. FERGUSON STATED THAT ALTHOUGH WE FULLY INFORMED OF DIMENSIONS OF SPLIT, WE HAVE DELIBERATELY STAYED AWAY FROM EVEN DIRECT PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DIVERGENT COUNTRIES (INDIA, SRI LANKA, PAKISTAN).

4. IN EXPRESSING POSITION OF USG IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT QUERY, AMB FERGUSON INFORMED JANKOWITSCH THAT WE WERE CONCERNED PARTICULARLY (A) THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO CONFRONTATION AT SPECIAL SESSION, AND (B) THAT SPECIAL SESSION UNGA SHOULD NOT PREEMPT EITHER WFC OR WORK OF WASHINGTON ENERGY GROUP.
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